

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 10, 21, 24-26 and 28 are pending. In the office action mailed August 30, 2006, claims 21, 23, 25-26 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0203717 (Wingrowicz). Also, claims 1, 3 and 10 were allowed. The Examiner did not comment on claim 24. As set forth, Applicant has amended claims 21 and 28 to include the allowable subject matter contained in claim 1. Applicant has then canceled claims 23 and 29. After a review of the cited reference, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

To anticipate a claim, every element in the claim must be found in a reference (MPEP § 2131). Applicant submits that Wingrowicz does not teach making “a determination that the call in which the mobile station was engaged has been dropped by determining that a duration of bad frames received on a reverse traffic channel (RTCH) carrying communications from the mobile station to the base station is greater than a threshold level, wherein the base station determines that no call-drop event has occurred if a duration of good frames are received at the base station from the mobile station within a predefined period of time after receiving the duration of bad frames,” as in claim 21 and similarly in claim 29. Wingrowicz does not mention how dropped calls are identified. Wingrowicz only mentions that the base station will report dropped calls to the switching node [¶0024, lines 19-26].

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the remarks above, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request

such action. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-3331 with any questions or comments.

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